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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO SAMA GOVERNOR AL QURAISHI

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM PARSKY

1. INVITATION TO QURAISHI TO VISIT US SEEMS TO US AN EXCELLENT IDEA. OUR FIRST REACTION IS THAT WE WOULD WELCOME HIS COMING WITH ABA AL-KHAYL FOR COMMISSION MEETING IN LATE FEBRUARY. ALTHOUGH YOUR MESSAGE SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT YOU THINK THE TWO VISITS SHOULD BE SEPARATE, I WOULD ASK THAT YOU GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THAT POSSIBILITY.

2. IF QURAISHI VISIT IS TO BE SEPARATE, WE THINK DATES SHOULD BE SELECTED WHICH WOULD UTILIZE MOMENTUM AND (HOPEFULLY) GOOD FEELING GENERATED BY COMMISSION MEETING. AS SECOND OPTION, THEREFORE, WE WOULD PROPOSE HIS COMING MARCH 13 (THURSDAY) AND 14 (FRIDAY) AT PERSONAL INVITATION
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OF SECRETARY SIMON. PUTTING VISIT TOWARD END OF WEEK

WOULD GIVE US REASONABLE TIME TO PULL TOGETHER PIECES FROM
COMMISSION MEETING AND CLARIFY WHERE WE STAND ON RANGE
OF ISSUES WITH SAUDIS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTIONS TO FOREGOING. KISSINGER

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